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SUBJECT: WCIWY: PLENARY STATEMENTS; EVENING SESSION, JUNE 20

PASS TO: LABOR, HEW, USIA, AID, WHITE HOUSE - DPL

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENTS MADE IN PLENARY FRIDAY, EVENING, JUNE 20. MOST NOTABLE IS NETHERLANDS MINISTER PRONK HINTING THAT GON VIEW OF NIEO MAY BE UNDERGOING SOME CHANGE.

2. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (LICELOT DE BARRIOS) CALLED FOR SINCERE AND EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS FACING BOTH SEXES TODAY. SEX DISCRIMINATION AND THE CONSEQUENT LOW STATUS OF WOMEN STEM FROM HISTORICAL FACTORS. LAWS AIMED AT CHANGING THE PERSISTING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AGAINST WOMEN HAVE TO BE DYNAMIC ENOUGH TO CAUSE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION. DUE CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO PROBLEMS OF RURAL POPULATION, THEIR URBAN MIGRATION, AND SUCH CONSEQUENT PROBLEMS AS PROSTITUTION AS A RESULT OF RISING UNEMPLOYMENT IN URBAN

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CENTERS. THE IWY IS A YEAR OF DECLARATION OF GOALS RATHER THAN

OF CELEBRATION: ACTION MUST BEGIN AND CONTINUE IN ORDER TO
SUSTAIN THE MOTIVATION GENERATED THIS YEAR.

3. MAURITANIA (MS. L. DURIN): THE CONFERENCE FACES PROBLEMS
OF POLITICAL WILL, PREJUDICES AND TRADITIONS, AND "MARGINALIZATION
OF HALF OF THE POPULATION." CONCRETE ACTION-- RATHER THAN EMPTY
RHETORIC--HAS TO BE TAKEN. WOMEN CONSTITUTE A "REVOLUTIONARY
FORCE" WHICH WARRANTS SERVICE TO THE PROMOTION OF PEACE AND TO
THE ERADICATION OF INJUSTICE, RACISM, AND ECONOMIC "EGOISM"
OF ADVANCED COUNTRIES. THE FATE OF MEN AND WOMEN IS CLOSELY
LINKED TO REDEFINITION OF THEIR ROLES, AND TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. NETHERLANDS (MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT JAN PRONK): WHEN
THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES WAS ADOPTED
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DECEMBER 1974, THE NETHERLANDS HAD
TO ABSTAIN. RECENT EVENTS AND NEGOTIATIONS HAVE INCREASED
INSIGHTS INTO THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, THE NETHERLANDS
HOPED THAT VIA BUILT-IN REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES THE
CHARTER "WILL MORE AND MORE BECOME THE EXPRESSION OF A WORLD-WIDE
CONSENSUS ON A FUNDAMENTALLY NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND THEREFORE HUMAN ORDER." THE IWY IS AN
IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE PROCESS LEADING TOWARDS A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ORDER. AFTER OUTLINING LEGAL CHANGES IN THE NETHERLANDS, PRONK
SAID A NATIONAL FIVE-YEAR PLAN MIGHT BE DESIRABLE AS A FOLLOW-UP
TO THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION. RESEARCH IS NEEDED ON FACTORS WHICH
IMPEDE OR PROMOTE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT
AND THE NETHERLANDS WILL MAKE PROPOSALS TO THIS EFFECT DURING
THE CONFERENCE. WHILE CONSIDERING THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN
OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WE MUST NOT
FORGET THE MILLIONS OF WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO LACK EVEN
THE MOST BASIC SECURITY, HOUSING, HEALTH AND NUTRITION "WITHOUT
WHICH DEVELOPMENT AND PROCESSES DIRECTED TO ACHIEVE THE INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN ARE NOT POSSIBLE."
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